

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

In re:	)	
	)	<b>AWG Docket No. 10-0114</b>
Hijinio Romero	)	
	)	<b>Order Dismissing Case</b>
Petitioner	)	<b>Without Prejudice</b>

The Petitioner is Hijinio Romero. The Respondent Agency is Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA Rural Development”). USDA Rural Development is represented by Mary E. Kimball.

Mr. Romero has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, on July 16, 2010, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California, Case # 10-38701.

As a result of Mr. Romero’s Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, USDA Rural Development will not at this time pursue any type of collection on the debt owed to USDA. I anticipate that USDA Rural Development will recall the debt from Treasury and will monitor the bankruptcy to determine the outcome. If the debt is discharged in bankruptcy, USDA Rural Development will not pursue any collection effort; if the debt is not discharged in bankruptcy, USDA Rural Development may return the debt to Treasury for future collection efforts such as wage garnishment.

Accordingly, this case DISMISSED, without prejudice to Mr. Romero to request a hearing timely, should garnishment be noticed.

Copies of this Order Dismissing Case shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010

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